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Under Observer Program regulations at 50 CFR 679.51(a)(4), the owner of a trawl catcher vessel may annually request the catcher vessel to be placed in the full observer coverage category for all directed fishing for groundfish using trawl gear in the BSAI management area for the upcoming year.

For the 2017 calendar year, NMFS has placed the following 31 catcher vessels in the full observer coverage category for all directed fishing for groundfish using trawl gear in the BSAI management area:

<b>VESSEL NAME</b>	<b>FFP</b>	<b>VESSEL NAME</b>	<b>FFP</b>
ALSEA	2811	NORDIC FURY	1094
AMERICAN BEAUTY	1688	OCEAN HARVESTER	5130
AMERICAN EAGLE	434	OCEAN HOPE 3	1623
ANITA J	1913	PACIFIC VIKING	422
ARGOSY	2810	PATRICIA L	1164
CAITLIN ANN	3800	PROGRESS	512
COMMODORE	2657	ROYAL AMERICAN	543
DOMINATOR	411	ROYAL ATLANTIC	236
GLADIATOR	1318	SEADAWN	2059
GOLD RUSH	1868	STAR FISH	1167
GOLDEN DAWN	1292	STARWARD	417
HALF MOON BAY	249	STORM PETREL	1641
HICKORY WIND	993	SUNSET BAY	251
MARGARET LYN	723	TRAVELER	3404
MARK I	1242	VIKING	1222
		WESTWARD I	1650

A trawl catcher vessel delivering unsorted codends to a mothership is not subject to observer coverage requirements at 50 CFR 679.51.

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